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SUBJ: SOVIET COMPLAINT CONCERNING DEMONSTRATION MAY 22, 1975
AT AEROFLOT

WE HAVE RECEIVED POLICE REPORT ON AEROFLOT INCIDENT SENT BY
CAPTAIN EDWARD CAPPELLO, MIDTOWN PRECINCT SOUTH TO CHIEF OF
FIELD SERVICES. TEXT OF REPORT IS AS FOLLOWS:

QTE: FROM: CAPTAIN EDWARD CAPPELLO, MIDTOWN PRECINCT SOUTH

TO: CHIEF OF FIELD SERVICES

SUBJ: DISRUPTION AND DEMONSTRATION AT 545 5TH AVE. AERFLOT
(SOVIET AIRLINES) BY 20 MEMBERS JDL.

1. AT ABOUT 1355 HRS. MAY 22, 1975 AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER
OF JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE MEMBERS ENTERED THE OFFICES OF
AEROFLOT (SOVIET AIRLINES) AT 545 5TH AVE. AND SCATTERED
THE CONTENTS OF TABLE TOPS AND DESKS ON TO THE FLOOR.
P.O. WILLIAM BENSON SHIELD #1420, MIDTOWN PRECINCT SOUTH ASSIGNED
TO A FIXED POST IN FRONT OF SAID PROMISES ENTERED THE
LOCATION AND DETAINED THE GROUP BY HOLDING THE DOOR CLOSED. HE
INQUIRED OF MR. STANISLAV GORDIOVSKY, COMMERCIAL MANAGER OF
AEROFLOT, AS TO WHETHER HE WANTED THE GROUP ARRESTED.
THE MANAGER PROCRASTISATED AND TOLD THE OFFICER THAT HE WOULD
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HAVE TO CONTACT THE SOVIET EMBASSY BEFORE MAKING A DECISION.

AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME, WHEN NO DECISION HAD BEEN MADE P.O. BENSION ALLOWED THE GROUP TO LEAVE. THEY LEFT AND BEGAN DEMONSTRATING ON THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE AIRLINES OFFICE. THE OFFICER FELT HE MADE A PROPER DECISION AS THE DEMONSTRATORS HAD NOT COMMITTED A SERIOUS OFFENSE AND THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER DISRUPTION OCCURING IF THEY WERE DETAINED IN THE OFFICE.

IN RESPONSE TO A SIGNAL 10-05, SERGEANT HOWARD BENDER, MIDTOWN PRECINCT SOUTH ARRIVED AT THE SCENE AND OBSERVED THE DEMONSTRATORS OUTSIDE THE LOCATION. SGT. BENDER CONFERRED WITH MR. CORDIOVSKY AND INFORMED HIM OF THE PROCEDURES TO BE TAKEN IN INCIDENTS OF THIS NATURE. (THAT A COMPLAINANT WAS NEEDED TO EFFECT ARRESTS FOR CRIMINAL MISCHIEF) WHILE MR. CORDIOVSKY ATTEMPTED TO SEEK GUIDANCE FROM HIS SUPERIORS, THE GROUP REMAINED AT THE LOCATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES. THEY THEN DISPERSED WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DISRUPTIONS. AFTER THE GROUP HAD DISPERSED MR. CORDIOVSKY INFORMED SGT BENDER THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY GAVE HIM PERMISSION TO INITIATE ACTION AGAINST THE GROUP.

2. WHEN MR. CORDIOVSKY BECAME AWARE THAT THE DEMONSTRATORS HAD LEFT HE VOICED HIS DISPLEASURE WITH POLICE PROCEDURES. THAT IS TO SAY THAT THE DEMONSTRATORS COULD NOT BE ARRESTED FOR THEIR ACTIONS WITHOUT A COMPLAINANT.

3. THE FOLLOWING NOTIFICATIONS WERE MADE:

CAPT. ROBERT P. HARRIS, CO HQS
P.O. PATRICK. QCD.
P.O. GATSOFF, MAN. SO. AREA

EDWARD CAPPELLO
CAPTAIN UNQTE.
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